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**Inmate crews helping with burn project**

Pierre, S.D. - State prison inmates are assisting the United States Forest Service with a project to burn accumulated surface fuel in the Black Hills.

Twenty inmates and three staff from the Rapid City Minimum Unit are helping burn slash piles of timber in the Oak Meadows area of the Black Hills National Forest. All of the inmates and staff are certified firefighters.

Work began February 22nd and is expected to last through February 24<sup>th</sup>.

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